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SUBJECT: CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS NOVEMBER 11, 1974

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1. SUMMARY: CLERIDES AND DENKTASH MET NOVEMBER 11 AT LEDRA
PALACE UN CONFERENCE AREA TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON HUMANITARIAN
MATTERS WITH ASSISTANCE OF UNSGY SPEC REP WECKMANN AND IN PRESENCE
OF UNHCR AND ICRC OFFICIALS. COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING MEETING SAID
"THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON NUMBER OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES,
INCLUDING QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS. IN PARTICULAR, ARRANGE-
MENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON FOR EVACUATION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS
AT PRESENT IN GYPSOS AND VONI; ANY WHO WISH TO REMAIN WILL BE
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FREE TO DO SO. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT OF GREEK AND TURKISH

CYPRIOIS ON MEDICAL AND COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS WERE ALSO CONSIDERED IN DETAIL. PROPOSALS FOR THE SOLUTION OF SITUATION AT DOME HOTEL, KYRENIA, WERE REVIEWED. PRACTICAL STEPS TO NORMALIZE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH WERE EXAMINED AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SHORTLY. A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST CONCERNING ESSENTIAL SERVICES WERE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1974.

3. NOVEMBER 11 MEETING, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AND UN OBSERVERS, CONDUCTED IN "VERY GOOD ATMOSPHERE" AND MADE "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS". CLERIDES TURNED OVER ADDITIONAL LISTS OF MISSING PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE IN CYPRUS BUT AVOIDED PRESSING DENKTASH ON MATTER OF "UNDECLARED PERSONS" WHO MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO TURKEY. DENKTASH RECEIVED LISTS SYMPATHETICALLY AND INDICATED HE WOULD RESEARCH WHEREABOUTS.

4. GYPSOS-VONI VILLAGERS: EVACUATION BY UN OF 1200 GREEK CYPRIOTS IN GYPSOS AND 400 IN VONI BEGINS NOV 13 AT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONS PER DAY. OPERATIONS WILL BE WITH MINIMUM FANFARE AND "IN SPIRIT OF LIBERALIZED HUMANITARIAN EXCHANGE ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS". IN RETURN FOR GYPSOS-VONI MOVEMENT (OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY) CLERIDES AGREED TO ASSIST EMIGRATION NORTH OF CERTAIN TURK CYPRIOTS IN ISOLATED PAPHOS DISTRICT VILLAGES. IN ADDITION, "SPECIAL CATEGORIES" OF AGED, INFIRM, PREGNANT, AND INFANTS WILL NOW BE EXTENDED TO TURK CYPRIOT REFUGEES ON AKROTIRI SBA. THEIR EVACUATION BY UN WITH COOPERATION OF GOC WILL TAKE PLACE AT UNDETERMINED FUTURE DATE. THIS STEP, WHICH WAS AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE WITH BRITISH DURING DENKTASH LONDON TALKS, CONSIDERED TO BE VERY IMPORTANT. COMMENT: UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TENTATIVELY ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS 2000 TURKISH SBA REFUGEES COULD MOVE UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. END COMMENT.

5. REUNION OF FAMILIES: WHEN DENKTASH RAISED QUESTION OF REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, CLERIDES REPLIED THAT "TURK SIDE MUST APPRECIATE THAT REUNION OF FAMILIES IS POLITICAL AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN QUESTION, AND THAT THERE MUST BE EQUIVALENT GESTURE". CLERIDES SAID THAT GREEK SIDE NOT ONLY WILLING PERMIT

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REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES OF TURK CYPRIOT MEN WHO HAD BEEN REPATRIATED NORTH BY LETTING THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN JOIN THEM, BUT ALSO WILLING PERMIT MOVEMENT OF ALL SBA REFUGEES NORTH AS WELL. IN RETURN CLERIDES INSISTED THAT TURK FORCES WITHDRAW FROM PRESENT POSITIONS EAST OF NICOSIA NORTHWARD TO NEW FAMAGUSTA ROAD AND EVACUATE VAROSHA AREA OF NEW FAMAGUSTA CITY. AREAS EVACUATED WOULD NOT BE OCCUPIED BY NATIONAL GUARD BUT WOULD BE RESETTLED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS AND PATROLLED BY

UNFICYP. DENKTASH WAS NON-COMMITAL BUT HIS REMARKS INDICATED THAT TURKISH ANSWER WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING SOON AND IMPLIED THIS WAS POLITICAL MATTER WHICH WOULD DEPEND IN PART ON MAKARIOS' PLANS. CLERIDES' BARGAINING POSITION FOR RETURN OF SBA TURK CYPRIOTS IS THUS NOW ON RECORD.

6. DOME HOTEL: FATE OF 400 GREEK CYPRIOTS DETAINED IN KYRENIA DOME HOTEL APPEARS TO BE NEARING DECISION. CLERIDES AND DENKTASH IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THOSE DOME DETAINEES WHO HAVE HOUSES IN KYRENIA AND WHO WISH TO REOCCUPY THEM WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO, WHILE THOSE WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE TO THE SOUTH WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE. OBSERVERS BELIEVE ISSUE SHOULD BE COMPLETELY RESOLVED BY END OF NOVEMBER. QUESTION OF ENCLAVED BELLAPAI GREEK CYPRIOTS DEFERRED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT UNTIL CONCLUSION OF DOME MATTER. CRAWFORD

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7. EDUCATION: CLERIDES AND DENKTASH AGREED TO MAKE RENEWED EFFORT SOLVE EACH OTHER'S SCHOOL PROBLEMS. CLERIDES WILL SURVEY SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR TURK CYPRIOTS IN PAPHOS DISTRICT AND WILL ORGANIZE CRASH PROGRAM TO PUT BUILDINGS BACK IN ORDER. IF SCHOOLS CANNOT BE REPAIRED/ORGANIZED, CLERIDES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MOVEMENT OF CERTAIN NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN NORTH WITH SOME OF THEIR TEACHERS. PRECISE NUMBERS TO BE DETERMINED LATER. FOR HIS PART, DENKTASH WILL STUDY OPENING ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS IN BELLAPAI AND, POSSIBLY, OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR FOURTEEN GREEK CYPRIOT TEACHERS TO RESIDE IN GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGES OF KARPASS. DENKTASH REQUESTED THAT THESE TEACHERS BE "OLD SPINSTERS" (NOT YOUNG WOMEN); TURK ARMY ALSO SUSPICIOUS OF YOUNG MEN WHO MIGHT CREATE SECURITY PROBLEM.

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8. ECONOMICS: CLERIDES OFFERED TO BUY ALL CITRUS PRODUCTION IN TURK-CONTROLLED AREAS REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN. PRODUCE WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO GREEK CYPRIOT AREAS. QUESTION OF BUYING KARPASS TOBACCO CROP ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. CLERIDES PROPOSED THAT DENKTASH RELEASE ALL FERTILIZER SUPPLIES HELD IN NORTH "FOR GOOD OF CYPRUS". TURK CYPRIOTS COULD HAVE ALL FERTILIZER THEY NEEDED FREE OF CHARGE; REMAINDER WOULD BE SHIPPED SOUTH FOR USE IN GREEK AREA. DENKTASH AGREED TO EXAMINE THESE PROPOSALS AND REPLY NEXT WEEK. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY TECHNICIANS OF BOTH SIDES TO STUDY ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ON ISLAND-WIDE BASIS SO AS TO ANTICIPATE WINTER GRID BREAKDOWNS AND INSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER: NO DECISION REACHED.

9. AIRPORT: QUESTION OF REOPENING OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAD BEEN BROACHED PREVIOUSLY IN VERY TENTATIVE MANNER. DENKTASH HAD SAID ONLY THAT HE "MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS AT FUTURE TIME" STATUS OF AIRPORT. AT NOVEMBER 11 MEETING HE INTIMATED THAT QUESTION HAD BEEN PUT TO ANKARA BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED AS YET. UN OBSERVERS FEEL THAT FOR DENKTASH TO RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM GOT TO EVEN DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WOULD BE STEP FORWARD. AS YET, HOWEVER, DENKTASH HAS NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO DO SO AND AIRPORT REOPENING IS NOT LIVE ITEM ON AGENDA.
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